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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. 09/355,032 filed on July 22, 1999.

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Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of ninety-three (93) pages
- Twelve (12) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration Original Photocopy
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
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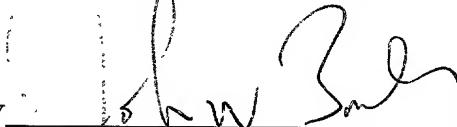
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